

Deputy Chief, Forest Service, National Forest System, USDA; Gregory Bell, Lieutenant Governor of Utah; and public witnesses.

TRANSNATIONAL DRUG ENTERPRISES THREATS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled “Transnational Drug Enterprises Threats to Global Stability and U.S. National Security from Southwest Asia, Latin America, and West Africa.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FINDING BUILDING BLOCKS OF THE UNIVERSE

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Finding the Building Blocks of the Universe. Testimony was heard from Dennis Kovar, Director, Office of High Energy Physics, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

RECOVERY ACT TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on Recovery Act: 225-Day Progress Report for Transportation Infrastructure Investment. Testimony was heard from Ray H. LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; John Cox, Director, Department of Transportation, State of Wyoming; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following: H.R. 1017, Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act; H.R. 1036, Veterans Physical Therapy Services Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 2504, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the annual amount authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans; H.R. 2559, Help Our Homeless Veterans Act; H.R. 2735, To amend title 38, United States Code, to make improvements to the comprehensive service program for homeless veterans; H.R. 3073, To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a grant program to provide assistance to veterans who are at risk of becoming homeless; H.R. 3441, To provide for automatic enrollment of veterans returning from combat zones into the VA medical system. The Subcommittee also had a draft discussion on Homelessness and Graduate Psychology Education and Psychiatric Service Dogs. Testimony was heard from

Representatives Filner, Herseth Sandlin, Hare, Teague, Rodriguez, Nye and Arcuri; Peter H. Dougherty, Director, Homeless Veterans Programs, Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

PENSION PLAN FUNDING LEVELS INVESTMENT ADVICE

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on funding levels of defined benefit pension plans and the rules that apply to investment advice. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UPDATE ON SECURITY CLEARANCE REFORM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management held a hearing on Update on Security Clearance Reform. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Zients, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; John Berry, Director, OPM; David Shedd, Principal Deputy Director, National Intelligence, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Brenda Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO; and Beth McGrath, Assistant Deputy Chief Management Officer, Department of Defense.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1114)

H.R. 3614, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958. Signed on September 30, 2009. (Public Law 111–66)

S. 1677, to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes. Signed on September 30, 2009. (Public Law 111–67)

H.R. 2918, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. Signed on October 1, 2009. (Public Law 111–68)

H.R. 3607, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program. Signed on October 1, 2009. (Public Law 111–69)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: business meeting to continue consideration of an original bill entitled “America’s Healthy Future Act of 2009”, 10 a.m., SH–216.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for September 2009, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 5 through October 10, 2009

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 4 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 6, to hold hearings to examine minimizing potential threats from Iran, focusing on administration perspectives on economic sanctions and other United States policy options, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

October 7, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine securitization of assets, focusing on problems and solutions, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

October 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the future of the mortgage market and the housing enterprises, 10 a.m., SD–538.

October 9, Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine restoring credit to manufacturers, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 6, Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion, to hold hearings to examine promoting export success for small and medium-sized businesses, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

October 7, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization

of the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 8, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Marcia K. McNutt, of California, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, and Arun Majumdar, of California, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy, Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD–366.

October 8, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 522, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 865 and H.R. 1442, bills to provide for the sale of the Federal Government’s reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909, S. 881, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 940, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Nevada System of Higher Education certain Federal land located in Clark and Nye counties, Nevada, S. 1272, to provide for the designation of the Devil’s Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild or recreation rivers, and S. 1689, to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and the National Landscape Conservation System in the State of New Mexico, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: October 8, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jim R. Esquea, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary, and Bryan Hayes Samuels, of Illinois, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 6, to hold hearings to examine Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, adopted at The Hague on November 23, 2007, and signed by the United States on that same date (Treaty Doc. 110–21), 10 a.m., SD–419.

October 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Al-Qaeda, focusing on Afghanistan, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

October 7, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the proposed agreement between the United States and the United Arab Emirates on civilian nuclear cooperation, 10 a.m., SD–419.

October 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William E. Kennard, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and Cynthia Stroum, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, both of the Department of State, and James Legarde Hudson, of the District of Columbia, to be